

Sewing Machine Operators (51-6031)

Occupation description: Operate or tend sewing machines to join, reinforce, decorate, or perform related sewing operations in the manufacture of garment or nongarment products.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	57	52	-8.8	0	0	0
United States	163,200	121,100	-25.8	0	880	880

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	11.25	n/a	8.21	10.33	16.22
Alaska	15.63	16.64	17.65	12.56	16.55	21.21
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	15.32	17.02	18.72	12.90	16.73	21.99
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	14.76	16.58	18.40	12.99	16.62	20.65

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
56	4	7.1	43.4	34.0

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	28
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	0
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	76
Number of job position postings	16
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.8

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Less than high school

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Short-term on-the-job training

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